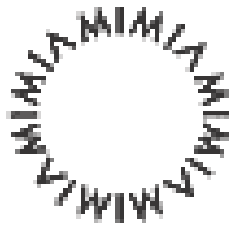


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### "WISE FOOL CIRCUS ARTS AND PHYSICAL THEATRE"

"Wise Fool Circus" is a performance art rewards program for countywide elementary and high school students from North Miami to Homestead. The project is a partnership between Miami Performing Arts Center, the Rafael A. Peñalver Clinic, North Miami Parks and Recreation, Overtown Youth Center, Community Partnership for the homeless Downtown and Homestead, African Heritage Cultural Arts Center, and ArtSouth.

Each set of children will learn a different skill, including: stilt-walking, acrobatics, clowning, aerial hoops, trapeze, puppetry, and juggling. The students will perform a circus to the community. (Performances run from February 14<sup>th</sup> to March 19<sup>th</sup>).

An additional stilt-walking project is being developed for the late Spring of 2005 that will provide 6-week sessions of beginning stilt walking classes. This would be piloted in West Miami.

The majority of students selected for this program are from low-income families. Children were selected based on academic performance. Most of these students suffered from apparent low-self esteem, and had limited physical strength, and little discipline. Coursework offered the opportunity for students to develop their physical endurance and capabilities.

### SERVICE AREA

East Little Havana, Overtown, and West Coconut Grove

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

County and Performing Arts Center Foundation

### FUNDING CYCLE

October 1 – September 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Budgeted FY 04-05	Estimated FY 05-06	Change from FY 04-05
Total Program Budget	\$105,000	\$105,000	\$0
Number of Children Served	515	515	0

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### ZOOTROUPIA

Zootroupia was created as a new community cultural outreach program designed to give Miami Metro Zoo's audience a generally enhanced visitor experience by means of street theatre encounters and specifically through performances by Asian artists. The prime objective of the partnership was to provide outstanding cultural experiences for the public at Zoological Society of Florida/Miami-Metro Zoo.

Miami Metro Zoo requested Miami Performing Arts Center's (MPAC) help in animating the re-launch of the Wings of Asia Aviary, as well as the zoo campus in general. Accordingly, the Zoological Society Foundation and MPAC entered into a relationship whereby MPAC provided a range of artistic performances and cultural experiences at Metro Zoo. The prime goal was thus twofold: to increase attendance at Metro Zoo while expanding public awareness of MPAC as a presenter of diverse and accessible entertainment in Miami-Dade County. MPAC employed approximately 100 local artists over a 16-week period. The majority of these are community-based artists with strong links to a variety of Asian communities that often lack public exposure in Miami-Dade. The others were members of the Flying Squad.

Performances took place over 16 weekends on Saturdays and Sundays in 2004.

### SERVICE AREA

Countywide

### FUNDING SOURCE(S)

County and Performing Arts Center Foundation

### FUNDING CYCLE

October 1 – September 30

### RESOURCE ALLOCATION AND SERVICE STATISTICS SUMMARY

	Budgeted FY 04-05	Estimated FY 05-06	Change from FY 04-05
<b>Total Program Budget</b>	\$80,000	\$140,000	\$60,000
<b>Number of Children Served*</b>	125,000	150,000	25,000

\*Includes children and families

